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OF THE



LAKELAND NURSERIES,



FOR

FALL 1896 AND SPRING 1897.

C. M. MARSH, Proprietor,
LAKELAND, FLA.

Rates of Freight and Express

	RXPRESS. 100lbs	FREIGHT. Boxed. 100 lbs.	FREIGHT. Baled.
From LAKELAND, Florida, to			
Auburndale.....	\$ 40	\$ 30	\$ 35
Arcadia.....	80	79	88
Bartow.....	40	30	35
Braidentown.....	90	68	78
Brooksville.....	60	42	48
Citra.....	93	87	95
Crescent City.....	1 00	96	1 12
Dade City.....	40	32	36
Daytona.....	1 60	1 11	1 24
Dunellon.....	80	45	50
Deland.....	1 00	78	87
Dunedin.....	96	75	83
Enterprise.....	1 00	75	83
Fort Meade.....	64	60	70
Floral City.....	60	41	45
Fort Ogden.....	93	57	65
Fort Lauderdale.....	2 20	1 44	1 73
Fort Myers.....	93	82	94
Gainesville.....	80	62	66
Jacksonville.....	1 05	65	78
Jensen.....	1 85	1 38	1 52
Key West.....	1 30	86	95
Kissimmee.....	50	34	38
Lake City.....	1 30	62	66
Lemon City.....	2 20	1 45	1 74
Live Oak.....	1 40	68	78
Lake Helen.....	1 15	99	1 10
Leesburg.....	65	69	77
MacClenny.....	1 20	96	1 13
Madison.....	1 40	1 19	1 37
Miami.....	2 20	1 45	1 74
Melbourne.....	1 85	1 18	1 31
Monticello.....	1 40	78	75
Ormond.....	1 60	1 11	1 24
Orange City.....	1 20	99	1 10
Pensacola.....	2 20	1 12	1 30
Punta Gorda.....	93	52	63
Rockledge.....	1 55	1 12	1 24
Sanford.....	65	47	52
St. Augustine.....	1 20	88	1 03
San Meato.....	1 20	83	93
Sorrento.....	80	75	83
Tampa.....	50	34	38
Tarpon Springs.....	95	71	79
Titusville.....	1 00	84	93
Tavares.....	75	75	83
Waldo.....	1 20	1 05	1 22
Winter Haven.....	40	30	35
Winter Park.....	60	43	47

❧ To Our Friends and Patrons. ❧

IN presenting this our 1896-97 catalogue, we feel that no introduction is necessary, so far as our former patrons are concerned. To our prospective customers, who are strangers to our methods of growing citrus nursery stock and disposing of same, we would say :

That we were among the earliest advocates of superior stock in this vicinity, having grown nursery and grove trees for the past eleven years in this county.

We have made a careful study of the best soils, best fertilizers, and the most improved methods of producing a high grade of citrus nursery stock. How far we have succeeded we leave it to our patrons to say, being willing to abide by their verdict.

Certain it is, the class of trees we produce are good growers and good sellers. Where one order goes, others are sure to follow. The stock we send out is our best advertisement.

There has been considerable complaint in certain sections of the State and many inquire in regard to the "White Fly." We wish to say that they have not appeared in this county, not a single case yet being reported.

It is a well-known-fact that trees grown on high land, when removed to a lower elevation of equal or richer soil, always prove more satisfactory than when removed from low to high land. Our nursery is 225 feet above sea-level, the highest point on the Peninsula of Florida,

We assure you it shall always be our highest aim to furnish nothing but a first-class article, and at a reasonable price; and to treat all orders intrusted to us with such liberality, as to size and quality of stock furnished, as to merit a continuance of same. By this means we expect to secure the good will of customers in the future as we have in the past, and thus retain their confidence and patronage.

Let us suggest that you make us a trial order which shall have our careful attention. We are confident of our ability to please you.

Thanking all of our past customers for the liberal orders we have been favored with, and soliciting a continuance of the same, we are,

Respectfully yours,

C. M. MARSH, PROP.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE ORDERING.

LOCATION. The Lakeland Nurseries are located at an elevation of 225 feet above sea-level, three blocks north of public square, Lakeland, Polk county, Florida. The land upon which our nursery is situated is conceded to be the best for growing citrus nursery stock; producing a very fine grade of trees, with a root system of great strength and vigor, rendering transplanting safe and easy.

QUALITY OF STOCK. All of our trees are grown to stakes, and are straight, thrifty, budded at the ground and well rooted. The bulk of our supply of trees this year are propagated on sour and grape fruit roots with a limited supply on sweet and rough lemon roots, from four to six years old in nurseries.

GUARANTEEING TREES. We guarantee all trees shipped from these nurseries to be as represented. We personally attend to the budding of all our stock, and use the utmost care to keep it pure and true to name. Previous to the freeze of 1894-95 we were fortunate enough to have a large amount of budwood of select and standard varieties cut, therefore we offer you stock that was propagated from our own bearing trees.

PACKING. We pack all trees in the best possible manner, in bales or boxes, according to size of order and distance of shipment. Trees can be sent with safety to any part of the United States or foreign countries. We make no charge for packing.

TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES. Our transportation facilities are excellent, four branches of the Plant System touching this point. We can ship North-east via Orlando, Sanford and all East Coast points; North, via Leesburg and Ocala; West, via Tampa and Manatee country; South, via Bartow and Punta Gorda.

SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS. Please furnish explicit directions as to shipping and by what route. In the absence of any instructions we ship according to our best judgment, but in no case do we assume any responsibility for condition or safe delivery of trees after same have been properly packed and delivered to transportation companies.

PRICES AND ESTIMATES. Compare our prices with those of any responsible party, and send us a list of your wants, and we will cheerfully furnish estimates on all lists submitted. In applying for estimate, state variety, size and quantity wanted as nearly as possible.

INVITATION TO VISITORS. We take pleasure in showing the class of stock that we produce to all intending purchasers. We can always sell a man trees if he will come and inspect them, as we have the largest nursery and as fine stock as ever grown in the State.

ORDER EARLY. Present indications point to a larger demand for trees this season than ever before. We are already booking orders for the fall and winter delivery. By time the shipping season opens there will be a rush for trees, therefore, be wise and place your order now.

TERMS. Our terms are cash with order for immediate delivery; or, if for future delivery, 25 per cent with order, and balance prior to shipment of trees. We will not deviate from this rule, except where parties are well-known to us.

REMITTANCES. Remittances may be made by Bank Draft, P. O. Money Order or Registered Letter.

Descriptive List.

ORANGES.

Early Varieties.

Parson Brown. Size medium, round or slightly oblong, skin thin and smooth, very solid and juicy; a sweet and delicious orange; good in October but better in November, hangs well and ships well, will retain its juices until March. This is our best early orange. Tree a very strong grower and a heavy cropper.

Boone's Early. Medium; skin thin; pulp tender, with very little "rag," and few seeds. Quality excellent. A new variety, which is attracting much attention and being extensively planted. Claimed by its introducers to be "the earliest of all."

Mediterranean Sweets.—One of the most profitable oranges; bears very young and fully. It originated from Gen. Sanford's importation and should not be confused with the dwarf variety, which has a tendency to drop its fruit.

Satsuma. Medium, flattened; the color is not red, like the King and Tangerine, but a deeper yellow than the Mandarin; rind and segments part freely; flesh fine-grained, tender, juicy, sweet and delicious; entirely seedless. Tree thornless, and bears young.

Mid-Season Varieties.

Centennial. This is a native Florida variety. It is generally considered one of the best native varieties. The fruit is medium in size, heavy, bright colored, with a thin, tough skin, and a sweet and juicy pulp. Our bearing trees of this variety have a large bearing surface, are vigorous and prolific.

Jaffa. Medium; peel thin; pulp melting, scarcely any fiber; juicy, rich and of exquisite flavor. In quality unsurpassed, being one of the four or five varieties which head the list in all competitions. The fruit remains on the tree in prime condition for a long period. The tree is a strong, upright grower of distinct habit, practically thornless, and fruits young and heavily.

Ruby Blood. Medium sized, nearly round; skin thin but very tough; pulp melting, rich, juicy and of exquisite flavor; quality unsurpassed. As the fruit ripens it usually becomes streaked or mottled with blood red; often the entire pulp gets ruby red, showing through the peel in a reddish blush on the outside. One of the best of the blood Oranges. The tree is vigorous, nearly thornless, and a regular bearer.

Pineapple. It originated in the Citra district; is of medium size, fine flavor and highly recommended as an orange for hammock or low lands, as the skin is very thin and tough, and is one of the best shippers known. Our propagation came from the original, at Citra, Fla.

Dancy Tangerine. Fruit medium, much flattened skin, thin and glassy, parting readily from the pulp; very sweet and aromatic; a handsome fruit commanding good prices if well grown. Tree upright grower, vigorous and prolific, does best on grape fruit or sour roots.

Mandarin. Medium, flattened, deep yellow; skin thin; skin and segments loosely adherent; flesh dark orange-yellow; spicy and aromatic. November, December and January. Tree vigorous, prolific, and bears young; willow-like foliage, with few thorns.

Late Varieties.

Joppa Late. This valuable orange was originated at San Gabriel, Cal., by Mr. A. B. Chapman, from seeds obtained by him from Joppa, Palestine. Mr. Chapman is very extensively engaged in citrus culture. He has imported and grown most every known variety, and considers the Joppa about the most profitable to propagate extensively. The Joppa orange does not drop, it is very tenacious and keeps on the tree till very late without deterioration. The markets often become glutted, on account of most varieties coming in all at once, the Joppa hangs on the tree till there is a demand for choice oranges at high prices, or can be picked early. The fruit is sweet from the time it commences to color. The fruit is very uniform, oblong, medium to large, and practically seedless, thin rind, very solid, and free from fluff or rag. The pulp is fine juicy and very sweet. The tree is an upright and vigorous grower, has no thorns, it is entirely thornless, thus the fruit does not get damaged as it does on thorny trees. We can speak for this orange as the latest and best, as we have fruited it for several years in Florida. This variety is very prolific and is from 50 to 60 days later than Hart's Tardiff or Valencia Late, the late freeze necessitated the rebudding of some of our grove trees. All of our rebudding was made from our Joppa Late variety.

Hart's Tardiff. Of medium size, round or slightly oval; smooth; very solid and heavy, the flesh being very firm; flavor when ripe, brisk and racy. Peel of a lightish cast. The tree is a very strong, spreading and vigorous grower.

St. Michael Paper Rind. We consider the St. Michael Paper rind to be the best flavored of all the blood varieties. It is round, inclined to oblong in shape, will pack about 200; smallest of all the late varieties. Extra thin, tough skin, very few seeds, pulp of fine texture, and is one of our fanciest fruits.

Valencia Late. A remarkably strong grower, fruit of good size, oval in form, juicy and tender. Season May and June; will hang on trees until September or October. By common consent is a better orange than Hart's Tardiff. Has never been known to be a shy bearer under any circumstance or on any class of land.

King. Very large; flattened, and with loosely adhering rind and segments, like all the Mandarin varieties; color orange-red; skin rough, but general appearance fine; juicy, meaty; its high and peculiar aromatic flavor is very agreeable; it has few seeds; flesh deep red-orange, inner lining of rind and membranes bright buff. At its best in March, April and May; keeps in good condition even later. Tree grows to a larger size than most Mandarins, is an exceptionally strong grower, and very productive. In all respects a superior variety. The King is by many considered the finest of oranges. It is rich, juicy, and has a high flavor peculiarly its own; certainly unsurpassed in quality. Although the surface of the rind is uneven and sometimes knotty, the fruit is large and handsome, as well as unique and peculiar, and the exquisite, high coloring of the interior, orange red flesh in buff linings, make it a very attractive dessert fruit. It ripens late, not reaching

maturity before April, and commands a high price. No orange is more profitable. The trees are strong, vigorous grower, and very productive, and is claimed will stand more cold than the Satsuma.

Kumquat or Kin-Kan.

Kumquats. This unique and curious member of the citrus family, commonly called Kumquat in this country, is a native of Japan, where it is known as Kin-Kan, which means gold orange; Kumquat is Chinese for the same meaning. It bears in great profusion a small and very handsome, deep yellow fruit. There are two kinds, alike in tree and differing only in the size and shape of the fruit. The Marumai bears a round fruit from three quarters of an inch to an inch in diameter; the Nagami, an oblong fruit somewhat larger. The latter is the kind commonly seen in this country, is rather more desirable on account of the large size of its fruits, and is the one we offer. The whole fruit, rind and all, is eaten, and people become very fond of them. The sweet rind and agreeably acid pulp make a piquant combination relished by most palates. Preserved in sugar or crystalized, the Kumquat, wherever it is known, is deservedly popular.

LIMES.

Tahita Seedless.—Fine, extra smooth skin, lemon shape, of good size; will pack about 300 to the box, requires no coloring, good keeper, ripens in August; the most prolific in growth and bearing of any of the citrus family. It has but a trace of the pronounced flavor of the ordinary lime.

LEMONS.

Eureka.—A strong, vigorous grower; very thorny. Crop increases materially with age. Fruit oval, with prominent point; skin thin, of strong texture, giving it high rank as a keeping and shipping variety. Abundantly juicy, strongly acid, of fine flavor.

Belair Premium.—Medium, of standard lemon shape, rind sweet, skin smooth and thin; membrane thin and small in quantity. Strong and fine flavor; never known to overgrow in size, more inclined to be free of scale, rust, mites and knots than any lemon grown.

Genoa.—Small size, symmetrical, skin very thin, full of a delicate, pleasing juice.

POMELO OR GRAPE FRUIT.

Marsh Seedless Pomele—(Grape Fruit). Medium size, (will pack 54 to 62 to box.) Thin rind, with about half the usual bitter. It is a true grape fruit, and not a hybrid, with all the characteristics of the common varieties, with the exception of being almost absolutely seedless. Sometimes you will find a fruit containing three or four shells of seeds, but as a rule they have none at all. With the absence of the seeds, the amount of juice increases, the flavor improves, and the fruit retains its noted qualities, and the pulp or meat is dark and rich. In serving this fruit you are not required to remove from 80 to 90 seeds as is necessary with our common grape fruit, but is ready for the table when cut in halves. The fruit is known to be a late keeper. The fact of its not having seed, that germinate when left late on trees or in storage, increases its keeping qualities to a great extent, and is another fact greatly in its favor. The old original seedling trees, from

which we have our propagation, was a prolific bearer for 30 or 40 years, and a three-year old bud will bear all the fruit that it should hold at that age. See government report on this fruit on another page,

Excelsior. Size medium to large; skin smooth; remarkably juicy, but slightly bitter; hangs on the tree without deteriorating until July. Fruit borne in immense clusters. Very prolific. The original tree, a native seedling. Stood the late freeze better than all other like varieties of the grape fruit family.

Halls. This variety is a select variety originating in Lee county; fruit large with a smooth, thin skin; the pulp is a fine texture; has the usual amount of seed and bitterness.

Aurantium. A chance hybrid between a sweet orange and Pomelo, in size smaller than the common sorts; very sweet, with little or none of the bitter principle in the rind. Late to ripen; good keeper.

MARSH SEEDLESS POMELO.

Extracts From Testimonials.

Samuel B. Heiges, Chief Pomologist of U. S. Department of Agriculture, reports as follows:

"Marsh Seedless (C. M. Marsh, Lakeland, Fla.)—Size large; form roundish, very slightly necked at base; stem small; surface moderately smooth; color lemon yellow; oil cells minute, indented; weight heavy; rind thin, one-sixteenth to one-eighth inch, quite free; segments 12, irregular; flesh light grayish green, tender; vesicles small, irregularly placed; tissue thin, translucent; core three-fourths inch in diameter, spongy; juice abundant, transparent; acidity, sweetness, and bouquet medium; bitterness marked; seeds very few (only 6 in large fruit.) large plump, whitish—a few abortive. Season. February and March.

"S. B. HEIGES, Pomologist,"
Washington, D. C.

* * * "I certainly consider its quality very good. It is a true grape fruit and not a hybrid partaking as much of the quality of the orange as of the pomelo and so losing all claim to the distinctive merits of the grape fruit.

"O. R. THATCHER,
"Florida Development Co."

* * * "I find the fruit just the right size for the market, bringing a much higher price than the larger common fruit. It is almost absolutely seedless, only requiring to be cut in two when it is ready for the table, avoiding the trouble of disposing of so many seeds found in the ordinary fruit. It is superior and has not that pronounced flavor noticed in the common grape fruit.

"T. SAUNDERS, General Manager,
"K. C. W. & G. R. R., Lake Charles, La."

* * * "I have tried your seedless grape fruit and find it all that it is represented to be. I consider it the most valuable fruit now grown in Florida.

"W. H. REYNOLDS,"
Lakeland, Fla.

* * * "I found the flavor of your Seedless Pomelo much finer than the ordinary grape fruit when in its best condition and believe that many people to whom the ordinary grape fruit has too pronounced a flavor will like the fruit. It is useless to comment on the advantage of the fruit being seedless as that goes without saying.

"F. S. LEWIS, General Manager,
"Pennsylvania & Northwestern R. R."
Philadelphia, Pa.

* * * "While at your place I had the pleasure of sampling one of your "Marsh Seedless Pomelo" and admired it exceedingly on account of the absence of seeds, the superior flavor, and the thin rind. I have frequently met parties who were contemplating planting grape fruit trees, and I have sounded the praises of the Marsh Seedless Pomelo to them. It is certainly the choicest variety of this popular fruit.

"JOHN E. STILLMAN,"
Jacksonville, Fla.

Price List.

	2 to 3 feet.		3 to 4 feet. Branched.		4 to 5 feet Well Branched.	
ORANGES.	Per 10	Per 100	Per 10	Per 100	Per 10	Per 100
Joppa Late, (seedless).	\$4 00	\$35 00	\$4 50	\$40 00	\$5 00	\$45 00
Valencia Late.....	2 50	20 00	3 00	25 00	3 50	30 00
Hart's Tardiff.....	2 50	20 00	3 00	25 00	3 50	30 00
Pineapple.....	4 00	35 00	4 50	40 00	5 00	45 00
St. Michael, (paperind)	2 50	20 00	3 00	25 00	3 50	30 00
Ruby Blood.....	2 50	20 00	3 00	25 00	3 50	30 00
Jaffa	2 50	20 00	3 00	25 00	3 50	30 00
*Med. Sweets, (Sanford)	2 50	20 00	3 00	25 00	3 50	30 00
Parson Brown.....	2 50	20 00	3 00	25 00	3 50	30 00
*Centennial.....	2 50	20 00	3 00	25 00	3 50	30 00
*Boones Early.....	5 00	45 00	6 00	55 00	7 50	65 00
MANDARINES.						
Satsuma	3 00	25 00	3 50	30 00	4 00	35 00
Dancy Tangerine.....	3 00	25 00	3 50	30 00	4 00	35 00
King.....	4 00	35 00	4 50	40 00	5 00	45 00
*Mandarines, (China)...	6 00	50 00	6 50	55 00	7 00	60 00
KUMQUAT OR KIN-KAN.						
Oblong and Round.....	6 00	50 00	6 50	55 00	7 50	65 00
POMELO, (Grape Fruit.)						
<i>Marsh Seedless</i>	5 50	50 00	6 00	55 00	6 50	60 00
Excelsior	2 50	20 00	3 00	25 00	3 50	30 00
Halls	2 50	20 00	3 00	25 00	3 50	30 00
Aurantium (sweet rind)	5 50	50 00	6 00	55 00	6 50	60 00
LIVES.						
Tahiti, (Seedless).....	6 00	50 00	6 50	55 00	7 50	60 00
LEMONS.						
Eureka	2 50	20 00	3 00	25 00	3 50	30 00
Belair Premium.....	2 50	20 00	3 00	25 00	3 50	30 00
Genoa.....	2 50	20 00	3 00	25 00	3 50	30 00

* Supply limited.

A liberal reduction to purchasers of trees in lots of
500, 1,000 or more.

PINEAPPLE PLANTS.

I have the following varieties :

Smooth Ceyenne suckers, 20c each per 100, 18c per 500.

Golden Queen suckers, 12½c per 100, 10c per 500 ; slips 7½c each per 100.

Jamacia Ripley suckers, 25c each, slips 20c.

Strawberries suckers, 15c., slips 7½c.

Abbakka suckers, 18c each, slips 9c.

Poto Rico suckers, 20 each.

Sugar Loaf suckers, 14c each, slips 7c.

Gilletts of the Abbakka and Golden Queen 3c each. They average three inches and are one year behind the suckers.

I can furnish in any quantity desired. My stock is all of my own importation from Kingston, Jamacia, and Honolulu, H. I.

I have just received a car load from the latter place in fine condition. I consider the five first-named varieties the best adapted to this climate and soil. My apples this year are running from \$3.00 to \$9.00 per dozen, F.O.B., and have more orders than I can fill. Any one wishing plants I can furnish at lowest cash prices. I warrant every plant true to name and in good healthy condition, free from insects. Will furnish small orders by mail. Pineapples do very well as far north as Cnattanooga Tenn., where I have shipped several orders in the past few years. Of course they are taken into the cellar in winter or some place free from freezing weather. They make a beautiful pot plant and are very showy and thrifty; need little attention.

Prices range from 5c to 25c each, according to size and variety suckers as high as 1 doz., Slips as high as 2 doz., gilletts as high as 6 or 8 doz., can be sent by mail with perfect safety.

Plants or suckers will average 6 ounces each, slips 2 ounces, gilletts 1 ounce. Enclose stamps according to number ordered.

Any one visiting Punta Gorda, Fla., will find it worth their while to visit my pinery, which is right in town. I have apples nearly all the year round, but most of the crop comes from June to September.

References:

PUNTA GORDA BANK,

NATIONAL BANK, Bartow.

CHARLES G. DAVIS,
Punta Gorda,
DeSoto Co., Fla.

Box 54.

All orders must be accompanied with 25 per cent of order, balance when order is filled. Give a few days notice so orders can be properly packed and shipped. No charge for packages or packing.

Orders made through The Lakeland Nurseries will receive prompt attention.

